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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Harry A. Nevlin, Jr., who passed away on August 5, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Harry Nevlin, Jr. was born on June 22, 1919 in Alton; his parents were Harry Nevlin, Sr. and Kathryn (nee Starkey) Nevlin; he married Alice Jane Brown on April 18, 1959; she passed away in 1983; he married Linda K. Heil on January 1, 1993 at 12th Street Presbyterian Church; and

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WHEREAS, Harry Nevlin, Jr. graduated from Alton High School in 1937 and worked with his father in the family business until he enlisted in the United States Army Air Forces in 1941; he served for 4 years, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant; and

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WHEREAS, After his military service, Harry Nevlin, Jr. rejoined the family business, H.A. Nevlin Moving and Transfer, which his father had started in 1919; he later became head of the company until he retired and sold the business in 1986; he subsequently worked at various times for Fry-Wagner Industrial Movers and Roberts Motors and was a volunteer driver for Saint Anthony's Health Center; and

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WHEREAS, As a member of the Board of Directors of the Upper

1 Alton Business Association, Harry Nevlin, Jr. was involved with
2 organizing the Alton Memorial Day Parade from 1944 until 1992;
3 as a volunteer, he picked up flowers from florists for the
4 parade every year and was the parade "starter" until 2013; in
5 2001, he served as the Parade Marshal; he also served on the
6 Boards of Directors for many other organizations, including the
7 Colonial Fife and Drum Corps, the Illinois Mover's Association,
8 Illinois Movers Rates and Tariffs, and the Bank of Alton
9 Building Board, and was a member of Commercial Travelers; and

10 WHEREAS, Harry Nevlin, Jr. was a member of the Masonic
11 Orders since 1943; in 2013, he was given special recognition
12 for being a 70-year member of the Masonic Lodge; he joined the
13 Alton-Godfrey Kiwanis Club in 1951 and was a very active member
14 for 63 years; he was also a member of Score, the Alton Little
15 Theater, and the Route 66 Association; he also served as a
16 volunteer at the Christmas Wonderland light display in Rock
17 Spring Park and at First Night River Bend for many years; and

18 WHEREAS, Harry Nevlin, Jr. was a long-time member and Elder
19 at 12th Street Presbyterian Church in Alton, serving as Head
20 Usher for many years until the church's closure in 2011, when
21 he joined the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Godfrey;
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23 WHEREAS, Harry Nevlin, Jr. is survived by his wife, Linda

1 Nevlin; 4 children and their spouses, Harry Nevlin, III,
2 Kathryn and Dennis Oseland, Susan and Christopher Whitlock, and
3 Julia Nevlin; 2 stepchildren and their spouses, Laura and
4 Patrick Shansey and Jeffrey and Jean Heil; 4 grandchildren and
5 their spouses, Jordan and Melissa Clark, Nicholas Clark,
6 Timothy Nevlin and fiancée Ashley Profer, and Charles and
7 Olivia Whitlock; 5 step-grandchildren, Sydney and Evan Shansey
8 and James, Jayson, and Julia Heil; and 3 great-grandchildren,
9 Dalton and Jack Clark and Chloe Nevlin; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
12 family and friends, mourn the passing of Harry A. Nevlin, Jr.;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Harry Nevlin, Jr. as an expression
16 of our sympathy.